

**Workshop Meeting
Borough of Eatontown Governing Body
Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act: A notice of the meeting has been published in the Asbury Park Press, Star Ledger and the Link News, posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of Borough Hall, and posted to the Borough website. Public Comment is welcome at any time.

Mayor Talerico opened the Workshop at 7:04pm, noting the Borough's compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Anthony Talerico, Jr., Council President Virginia M. East,
Councilmembers David Gindi, Meir Araman, Carl Lawson, Candance Faust

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Bayer, Interim Administrator Lucia, Borough Clerk Martin

ABSENT: Councilmember Danielle M. Jones

The Flag Salute was led by C/Lawson

Mayor Talerico asked for a Moment of Silence for Mr. Englehart, who was a member of the First Aid Squad and the Fire Chief of the Fire Department. Mr. Englehart was a Construction Official in the Borough for years and was a lifelong Eatontown resident. Mayor Talerico shared memories of Mr. Englehart.

2. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (MAYOR TALERICO)

Mayor Talerico asked the council if they would agree for the Borough Attorney to provide preliminary thoughts on impact fees, and to make recommendations if the Borough should introduce an Ordinance. Mayor Talerico explained what impact fees are and explained prior case laws. Mayor Talerico explained the goals for the Ordinance. Councilmember Araman asked if developers need to pay COAH fees when developing in the Borough. Attorney Bayer explained the difference between COAH fees and Development Impact Fees. Mayor Talerico further explained. Councilmember Gindi asked how this Ordinance will affect a single resident home. Mayor Talerico and Attorney Bayer responded. Councilmember Araman asked what the fee rates will be. Attorney Bayer responded.

3. SKIP THE STUFF ORDINANCE (GREEN TEAM)

Councilmember Faust explained the possible Skip the Stuff Ordinance and introduced Amy Goldsmith from Clean Water Action.

Amy Goldsmith, NJ State Director for Clean Water Action, explained what her organization accomplishes and explained what Skip the Stuff entails. Ms. Goldsmith further explained this Ordinance will save restaurants a lot of money, it avoids trash that ends up in the street and garbage cans. Ms. Goldsmith then explained that Red Bank, Monmouth Beach and other towns recently passed the Ordinance or will be discussing it in the near future. Ms. Goldsmith explained there is a State Bill that Senator Smith has introduced but is also trying to generate widespread public support. Ms. Goldsmith then shared their future goals regarding Skip the Stuff. Mayor Talerico asked Ms. Goldsmith how it would work. Ms. Goldsmith responded that the customer needs to ask for what they want. Mayor Talerico asked if the restaurant is allowed to ask the customer if they would like plastic silverware, for example. Ms. Goldsmith responded that they prefer the customer to ask themselves, then explained how some restaurants put out signs and/or a self-service counter. Councilmember Araman responded that most take-out restaurants already have a self-service counter, then asked how the Ordinance will work for businesses. Ms. Goldsmith responded. Mayor Talerico asked how the other towns enforce their Ordinances. Ms. Goldsmith responded. Councilmember East commented on the need for utensils for takeout when going to a park or a road trip. Ms. Goldsmith responded.

Danell Johnson, Vice Chair for the Red Bank Environmental Commission, spoke about Red Bank's Ordinance that went into effect on Earth Day with a grace period until July 1st. Ms. Johnson then explained the Environmental Commission and the Green Team walked to Red Bank restaurants and spoke with them about the Ordinance. Ms. Johnson commented that many of the restaurants were happy about the Ordinance. Amy Goldsmith explained they have a sample Ordinance from Garwood Borough. Attorney Bayer asked if they have had any issues with the County Board of Health. Ms. Goldsmith responded. Councilmember Araman asked about the enforcement and fines. Ms. Goldsmith responded. Mayor Talerico asked Ms. Goldsmith to circulate the sample Ordinance so the council can educate themselves. Ms. Goldsmith responded. Councilmember Faust commented that this Ordinance is a way to educate the restaurants, to help them save money and to be more successful in the Borough. Councilmember Araman commented that he doesn't want the Borough to fine

restaurants for not following the Ordinance. Councilmember Faust and Ms. Goldsmith responded. Councilmember Gindi commented on the ban of plastic bags, but everything in the supermarket is wrapped in plastic. Councilmember Gindi then asked if they are looking to reduce clogging and over waste, then why wouldn't they go the corporate businesses and tell them that they need to cut down on plastic pollution. Ms. Goldsmith responded that they are presenting at the State House on Monday regarding four different plastic reduction bills.

Closed Session was moved to the end of the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Talerico opened the meeting to the public.

Laura Bagwell, Elizabeth Parkway, thanked everyone for considering possibly creating a Skip the Stuff Ordinance. Mayor Talerico responded.

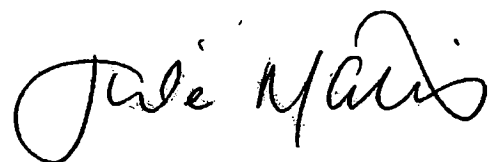
Jeff King, Elizabeth Parkway, commented that the Skip the Stuff Ordinance is worth being considered.

Mayor Talerico closed the meeting to the public.

4. ADJOURNMENT – 7:43pm

Motion to adjourn by C/Gindi; seconded by C/East

Voice Vote: AYE - C/East, C/Gindi, C/Araman, C/Lawson, C/Faust
 ABSENT - C/Jones



By: Julie Martin, RMC, Borough Clerk

Exhibits are on file in the Borough Clerk's Office, according to the NJ State Records Retention Schedule established by NJSA 47:3-15 *et seq* and approved by the State Records Committee. Audio is available on the Borough website.

Approval 06/26/2024